Urban District Council of Padiham

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Public Health Inspector

for the

Year Ending December 31st, 1971

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Health Department,
PADIHAM.

November, 1972.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Environmental condition of the Urban District of Padiham, for the year ended 31st December, 1971. The layout follows the usual pattern and the contents include all the items requested by the Department of Health and Social Security.

There was a small increase in population compared to the previous year, which, taken together with the increase in the number of inhabited houses shows a welcome trend.

The birthrate continues to decrease, in accordance with national trends and after adjustment for the age and sex of the population the figure of 15.5 is slightly below that for England and Wales.

The death rate was a little higher than the previous year but well within the normal range. There were 10 more deaths than births in Padiham during 1971.

The number of notification of infectious diseases was very much lower than in 1970, but this was because of the small incidence of measles during the year. Infective jaundice is a problem, the number of cases being twice that of the previous year and there is no readily available method of control.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their interest and the staff of the Health Department for all the work they have put in during 1971.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

P. G. HOLT,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	976
Population (Census 1961)	9,893
Population (Estimated)	10,230
Number of inhabited houses (according to rate book at end of 1971)	3,845
Rateable Value	£346,052.00
Sum represented by a new penny rate	£3,370.00

Social conditions were generally quite good. The chief industries being cotton and silk weaving and light engineering trades.

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION: The population as estimated by the Registrar General for mid 1971 is 10,230.

BIRTHS: 143 live births belonging to the District occurred during 1971 as follows:-

		Males	Females	Total
Live Births	(Legitimate)	65	68	133
	(Illegitimate)	3	7	10
		68	75	143
Stillbirths	(Legitimate)	3	2	5
	(Illegitimate)	-	-	-

Stillbirths Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	34
Total Live and Stillbirths	148

Comparative particulars with regard to live births over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

Total Live Births	143	147	159	181	187
Crude Birth rate per 1000 estimated popln.	14.0	14.6	15.6	17.8	18.3
Adjusted rate	15.5	16.2	17.3	19.8	20.3

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	7

INFANT DEATHS: All infants under 1 year of age 4

INFANTILE MORTALITY:

(a) All infants per 1000 live births 28

(b) Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births 15

(c) Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate births 200

Comparative particulars with regard to infant mortality over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
28.0	7.0	13.0	11.0	53.0

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:

(a) Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age 2

(b) Mortality rate per 1000 live births 14

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:

(a) Deaths of infants under 1 week of age 2

(b) Rate per 1000 live births 14

PERINATAL MORTALITY:

Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total births 47

MATERNAL MORTALITY:

(a) Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion nil

(b) Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and Stillbirths nil

DEATHS: 153 Deaths belonging to the District occurred during 1971 as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths within the Urban District	40	37	77
Deaths outside the Urban District in Hospitals, Institutions etc.	39	37	76
	79	74	153

Comparative particulars with regard to deaths over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Total deaths	153	144	163	141	160
Crude death rate per 1000 estmtd. population.	15.0	14.3	16.0	13.9	15.7
Adjusted rate	14.3	13.6	15.5	13.6	15.5

The following table gives the ages at which deaths occurred, also the causes of all deaths belonging to Padiham, during 1971.

CAUSE OF DEATH	under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1 yr.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	M	F	Total
Late effects of Resp. T. B.									1				1	1
Other infective and Parasitic Diseases									1			1		1
Malignant neoplasm: Oesophagus											1	1		1
Stomach							1			1	1	3		3
Intestine									1	2	1	3	1	4
Larynx									1			1		1
Lung, Bronchus								1	3	4	1	9		9
Breast											1		1	1
Uterus										1			1	1
Prostate										1		1		1
Leukaemia									2			2		2
Other malignant neoplasms									2	1	1	2	2	4
Diabetes Mellitus									1		2		3	3
Anaemias									1		1		2	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease											1		1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease						1			9	13	9	15	17	32
Other forms of Heart disease									1	1	5	3	4	7
Cerebrovascular Disease									2	7	13	6	16	22
Other Diseases of Circulatory System									2		8	5	5	10
Pneumonia		1								3	11	9	6	15
Bronchitis & Emphysema									3	4	5	9	3	12
Other diseases of Respiratory System											1	1		1
Peptic Ulcer										2		2		2
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia											2	1	1	2
Other diseases of Digestive System										1		1		1
Other diseases, Genito-urinary system										1	1	1	1	2
Diseases of Musculo-skeletal system								1				1		1
Congenital Anomalies	1	1											2	2
Birth injury etc.	1												1	1
Motor Vehicle accidents							1					1		1
All other accidents										2	5	1	6	7
	2	2				1	2	2	30	44	70	79	74	153

T U B E R C U L O S I S

CASES ON THE REGISTER AT THE 31st. DECEMBER, 1971.

On the Register at the end of December, 1971, there were 27 cases of Tuberculosis (23 pulmonary and 4 non-pulmonary).

	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	over 65	TOTAL
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	2	4	4	6	3	2	23
Non-Pulmonary								
Gland of neck			1					1
Skin				1				1
Right hip joint		1						1
Abdomen			1					1
	2	3	6	5	6	3	2	27

VENEREAL DISEASE

Treatment is a function of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board and enquiries or cases brought to our notice are directed to the clinic at Burnley.

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

The Burnley and District House of Help act as agents for the County Council, and carry out all the necessary arrangements, combining efficiency with understanding.

LABORATORY WORK

This work is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory Meadow Street, Preston as and when necessary.

The Lancashire County Council provides and maintains the following, with delegation to the No. 6 Divisional Health Committee, on which Padiham Urban District has representation.

AMBULANCE SERVICE The District is served by purpose-built County Ambulance Stations at Altham and Nelson, and there are five vehicles providing day and night cover. The average time taken to reach a patient, after receipt of an emergency call is approximately 8 minutes and to hospital, 25 minutes.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICE The Infant Welfare Centre and School Clinic for the Urban District is situated on Station Road.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE There are two District Midwives assigned to Padiham, who reside within the District, namely Miss R.M.S. Catterall and Mrs. S. H. Murphy.

HOME NURSING This service is in the capable hands of Sisters Cox, Mardsley, Book and relief Sister Brown.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

	Per 1,000 Estimated Population	
	Crude Live Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate
Mean of 5 years 1966-1970	16.86	14.89
Year 1971	14.0	15.0
Year 1970	14.6	14.3
Change in 1971 on 5 years average 1966 - 1970	- 0.44	- 2.41
Change on previous year	- 0.6	- 1.3

	MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE Per 1000 live births	MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE per 1000 live and Stillbirths	DEATH RATE of infants under 1 yr. per 1000 live births
Mean of 5 years 1966 - 1970	-	-	25.7
Year of 1971	-	-	28.0
Year of 1970	-	-	7.0
Increase or decrease in 1971 on 5 years average 1966-1970	-	-	+ 0.6
Change on previous year	-	-	+21.0

YEAR	BIRTHS	DEATHS	POPULATION
1962	160	170	9,950
1963	173	162	10,050
1964	179	134	10,130
1965	173	131	10,170
1966	183	149	10,210
1967	187	160	10,200
1968	181	141	10,160
1969	159	163	10,160
1970	147	144	10,100
1971	143	153	10,230

NOTIFIABLE DESEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR

Disease	TOTAL CASES	under 1 yr.	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-65	over 65	Total cases Rem'd to Hosp.	Deaths in Hosp. of Pers. belg. to District
Measles	4	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	16	-	1	-	11	2	2	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	25	1	2	4	13	2	3	-	-	-	-

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

WATER SUPPLIES Padiham is supplied with a constant supply of water from the mains of the Calder Water Board and there were no new sources of supply during the year. The water is of good quality and in good supply. All dwellinghouses within the district are supplied direct from public mains.

The number of houses supplied direct from public mains is 3,845.

SWIMMING BATHS

The Swimming Pool has now been opened for two years.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

This is the responsibility of the id Calder and Hyndburn Joint Sewerage Board.

The sewerage is carried by gravity feed to the disposal works just outside the district boundary, at Altham.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Number of Pail Closets	Four only in the area, at isolated dwellings, emptied by the owners.
Number of fresh water closets	6061
Number of waste water closets	508

Conversions during the year

Number of pail closets to fresh water closets	nil
Number of waste water closets to fresh water closets	16
Number of houses on the water carriage system	3,843

Chief Sanitary requirements of the District

1. The abolition of waste water closets.
2. Furtherance of the Clean Air programme.
3. Clearance of unfit houses.
4. Improvements of older houses into new homes.
5. Environmental improvements.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS DURING 1971

Number of complaints received	918
Number of premises visited	1877
Number of visits made	1985
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	46
Number of defects remedied	39
Number of notices served (Statutory)	nil
Number of notices served (Informal)	18

Number of inspections and visits made during the year

Houses - Public Health Act	104
Houses - Housing Act	53
Houses - Improvement Grants	334
Clean Air Act	425
Civic Amenities Act	15
Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act	20
Shops Act	152
Food Hygiene Regulations	62
Dangerous structures	4
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	50
Caravans	3
Factories	21
Butchers	27
Cooked meats	14
Bakers	22
Fish Fryers	21
Grocers	20
Greengrocers	20
Poultry packers	26
Tripe Dressers	16
Swill boilers	1
Scrap Metal Dealers	8
Snack bars and canteens	15
Licensed premises	16
Other food shops	28
Public conveniences	7
Smoke observations	9
Sampling	93
Water supply	23
Drainage	10
Verminous premises	3
Re-visits to property	108
Miscellaneous	92
Interviews	262

Defects remedied and other improvements executed:

Penetrating dampness	6
Ruinous building	3
Defective F.W.C.	2
Blocked drains	1
Defective W.W.C.	1
Defective overflow pipe	1
Perished eavesgutter	2
Defective roof tiles	2
Broken drain	1

DISINFESTATION

Sixteen dwellings were treated during the year. Eight for cockroach infestation and six for fleas, also two for other infestations. D.D.T. with Pyrethrum, Gammexane tablets and Multispray were used.

CAMPING SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are no caravans or sites licensed under the Public Health Act, 1936, and no licenses have been applied for under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

HOUSING

CONDITION

The majority of the houses are stone built and of the terraced type. This type of property is on an average 70/80 years old and in general quite well maintained, due to the fact that quite a large percentage of the properties are owner-occupied.

NEW BUILDINGS

NIL.

OVERCROWDING

No new cases were reported during the y ar

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects under the Public Health Act or the Housing Acts. 157

   (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal made for the purpose. 258

   (c) Number of dwellings found to be not in allrespects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit. nil

2. Total number of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and respect of which:-

   (a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made 19

   (b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders not made but included in Clearance programme. 222

HOUSES DEMOLISHED In Clearance Areas:	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Nil	-	-	-

Unfit houses Closed:	Number	Displaced during year.	
		Persons	Families
i. Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957	3	1	1
ii. Under Sections 17(3), and 26, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-
iii. Parts of Buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act,	-	-	-

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:

	By Owner	By L. Authority
i. After informal action by Local Authority	13	-
ii. After formal notice under a) Public Health Acts. b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957.	 1 -	 - -
iii. Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	-	-

Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement Grants etc.

Action during year:	No. of dwellingshouses or other buildings affected in schemes of Private Bodies or individuals	Local Authority
i. Submitted by private and individuals to local authority	7	-
ii. Approved by Local Authority	7	-
iii. Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	-	-
iv. Finally approved by Ministry	-	-
v. Work completed	-	-
vi. Additional separate dwellings included in (v.) above	-	-

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, and Housing Acts, 1961,1964 & 1969.

- Standard Grants

Action during year:	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected.
i. Applications submitted to Local Authority for improvement to full standard	96
ii. Applications approved by Local Authority for improvement to reduced standard	1
iii. Total applications approved by Local Authority	94
iv. Work completed	88
v. Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings	none

	1971	Total
No. of applications received	96	757
" " " pending	-	-
Number approved	94	745
" refused	2	12

Standard Amenities - Provided 1971.

Baths	43
Wash hand basins	38
Sinks	2
Hot water supply to bath	43
" " " " wash hand basin	38
" " " " sink	31
Water closet	86

	this year	Total
Total amounts of grants approved	£15,462.00	£94,736.69
Total amount of grants paid	£11,586.00	£78.463.44
Number of grants paid	88	735

WAITING LIST

The following tables give an over all picture of the Housing demands for the district at the end of the year.

In Lodgings	Padiham	Out of District	Total
Man and wife - no children	-	3	3
" - one child	2	5	7
" - two children	2	1	3
" - three children		2	2
	4	11	15

Tenants Of Houses	Padiham	Out of District	Total
Man and wife - no children	91	20	111
" - one child	4	7	11
" - two children	10	6	16
" - three children	3	3	6
" - four children	1	1	2
" - five children	2	3	5
" - six children	2	1	3
" - seven children	2	-	2
	115	41	156

Elderly persons' accommodation	Padiham	Out of District	Total
In Lodgings	1	-	1
Tenants of Houses	108	6	114
	109	6	115

Grand Total 286.

No new houses were erected during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY

Number of registrations effected during the year	Nil
Total number of distributors of milk on the register at the end of the year	49

The Lancashire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and all Dealers' licenses are issued by the County Council in accordance with Section 12 of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

MILK SAMPLING

During the year 12 samples of milk were obtained all of which were raw milk. These samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination with the following results.

Type of Test	No. of Samples	Results
Tuberculosis	12	all satisfactory
Brucellosis ring test	12	all negative
" culture test	4	4 negative
Methylene Blue Test	6	(5 satisfactory (1 unsatisfactory

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES

There are no public or private slaughtehouses in operation within the District.

FOOD POISONING

One case was reported during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

The number of Food Premises by type of business in the District at the end of 1971 was as follows:-

Type of Business	Number
General grocers and provision dealers	47
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game etc.)	11
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game etc.)	1
Meat shops (butchers, cooked and preserved meats, tripe etc.)	16
Bakers and/or confectioners	7
Fried fish shops	8
Shops selling mainly sugar, confectionery, minerals ice cream	9
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes and snack bars	33
Others	2

i.	Total number of Food Premises subject to the above mentioned Regulations	134
ii.	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16	134
iii.	The number of premises to which Regulation 19 applies	134
iv.	The number of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19	134

Number of food premises, by type registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, the Lancashire County Council Acts or other local Act:-

Type of Business	Number Registered	Number of Inspections of Registered premises during Year
Butchers	10	27
Confectioners	11	22
Cafes	4	15
Off Licences	14	16
Grocers	25	20
Sweets, Ice Cream etc.	9	12

POULTRY INSPECTION

1.	Number of poultry processing premises within the District (plucking only)	1
2.	Number of visits to these premises	25
3.	Number of birds processed during the year	not known
4.	Types of birds processed	Mainly hens
5.	Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	approx. 1%
6.	Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	not known
7.	The poultry plucking is carried out under hygenic conditions and full co-operation is given by the owner as regards inspection	

FOODSTUFFS

The following foodstuffs were examined, condemned for original use, surrendered for disposal and destroyed.

Type of Food	Quantity condemned
Cooked meats and meat products	3 oz.
Canned meats	20 lb. 6 oz.
Other canned foods	122 lb. 7 oz.
Frozen foods - due to cabinet breakdown	34 lb. 11 oz.

FOOD SAMPLING

A total of 31 samples was obtained comprising 13 milks and 18 others as follows:-

1 margarine	1 cough mixture
1 orange drink (part bottle)	1 beef sausage
1 brown bread	1 lamb's liver
1 paraffin emulsion laxative	1 dairy custard canned
1 analgesic tablets (Panets)	1 salad cream
1 cough medecine	1 mincemeat
1 Dequadin lozenges	1 ground almonds
1 orange halibut tablets	1 tuna steak canned
1 throat lozenges	1 sauce

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

Sample	Result of Analysis	Action taken
Margarine	The samples were not rancid and the salt content (1.85%) was acceptable. No serious defect of flavour was noticed by a tasting panel - but the complainant may be a regular user of Stork margarine, in which case the manufacturer would probably wish to check whether there was any manufacturing abnormality about batch JJ 551 B.	complainant informed.
Orange Drink (part bottle)	Bottle marked on the inside of the bore by an area measuring approx. $4\frac{1}{2}$ sq. in. consisting of heat damaged glass with melted-in carbon particles. The bottle had been affected but such an unsightly bottle should have been withdrawn from use.	complainant informed and manufacturer cautioned.
Brown Bread	Contained discoloured areas caused by carbonised wheat flour	Bakery and complainant informed.
Informal milk	Freezing point indicates 3.1% extraneous water	Dairy cautioned.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the District.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health.

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	4	4	-	-
2. Factories not included in 1 in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	61	17	-	-
3. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
	65	21	-	-

There were no cases in which defects were found.

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork -
Nil.

Classification of Factories and Workshops:

Abrasive crushing and grinding	1	Mortar grinding	1
" wheel manufacture	1	Motor vehicle repairer	4
Bakers	6	Minerals (aerated water)	1
Boiled sweet manufacturer	1	Nylon weaving	2
Boot repairers and cloggers	1	Printers	4
Cabinet makers	1	Paint manufacturers	1
Carpet manufacturers	1	Plant hire	1
Coachwork repairers	1	Plumbers merchants	1
Cotton weaving etc.	3	Poultry pluckers	1
Cotton waste	3	Production laboratory	1
Electric generation	1	Rayon fabric weaving	1
Fireplace manufacturer	1	Ready mixed concrete	1
Gas appliances manufacturer	1	Reed makers	1
Hardware (wholesaler)	1	Sectional buildings	1
Hide and skin	1	Shopfitters	1
Hospital clothing maker	1	Silk weaving	1
Joinery	6	Timber merchants	1
Jute pulling	1	Tripe dressers	1
Light engineering	3	Velvet weaving	1
Metalwork & upholstery	1	Motor spring manufacturers	1

The number of Factories now on the Register is 60

" " " Workplaces " " " " " 3

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Classification of Shops as shown on the Register

Antiques	3	Handyman's supplies	2
Boots, shoes	4	Heating and sanitary appliances	2
Builders merchants	11	Jewellers	1
Butchers		[illegible] ettes	3
Cafes	1	Mineral waters	1
Car Accessories	1	Newsagents	9
Chemist	4	Newspaper offices	1
Cooked meats	2	Nursery Equipment	1
Confectioners	8	Opticians	1
Cycle dealers	1	Outfitters - Gentlemen	2
Drapers	9	" - Ladies	3
Dyers and cleaners	3	Off licenses	14
Electrical appliances	4	Paint and wallpaper	3
Fancy goods	3	Photographers	3
Fish fryers	10	Petrol and oil	3
Fishmongers	1	Pet shop	1
Furniture dealers	3	Poultry and game	1
General dealers	3	Public houses	14
Gas appliances	1	Sports equipment	2
Greengrocers	11	Stationers and printers	5
Grocers	33	Sub-post offices	2
Hairdressers - Gentlemen	4	Sweets and tobacco	12
" - Ladies	12	T. V. rentals	2
Hardware	9	Tobacconists	1
		Wholesale booksellers	1

In accordance with the policy laid down by the County, limited inspectoral duties under the Act were delegated to the Public Health Inspector, and in fulfilment of these duties, 152 visits were undertaken.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The following offensive trades are in existence within the District:-

Tripe boiler 1

The premises have been inspected on 16 occasions.

Byelaws made under Section 108 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the Council for the regulation of offensive trades, businessess or maufacturers affect the following:-

Blood boiler and dryer;
Tallow melter, fat melter and fat extractor;
Tripe boiler;
Glue maker and size boiler;
Rag and bone dealer.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One person has been licenced for the keeping of pets for sale.

ANIMALS BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There are no such establishments within the district.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957

No. of plants licensed at 1st April, 1970	1
" " " " during the year	-
" " licences cancelled or revoked	-
" " inspections	2
" " prosecutions	-

AGRICULTURAL ACT, 1956

Sanitary conveniences on farms

The farm properties in this district are visited at frequent intervals, and all matters which require inspection are dealt with. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Action relating to rodent control during the year:-

	Type of property	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	4758	6
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	80	-
(c) No. of (b) infested by - rats	30	-
" " " " " - mice	50	-
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats/mice for reasons other than notification	54	5
(e) No. of (d) infested by - rats	15	1 minor
" " " " " - mice	39	4

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There are 11 Smoke Control Areas operative within the district.

No. 1 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st September, 1961.
No. 2 " " " " " " 1st November, 1962.
Nos. 3 & 4 " " " " " " 1st July, 1963.
Nos. 5 & 6 " " " " " " 1st November, 1963.
No. 7 " " " " " " 1st December, 1966.
No. 8 " " " " " " 1st July, 1968.
No. 9 " " " " " " 1st July, 1969.
Nos. 10 & 11 " " " " " " 1st July, 1971.

The above Orders cover 781.75 acres and 2,911 premises.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

No. of registered premises at end of year:-

Offices	26
Retail shops	49
Wholesale shops, warehouses	4
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	10
Fuel storage depots	-

Visits of all kinds made during the year to registered premises. 150

No. of registered premises which received general inspections 89

No. of exemptions current at end of year. -

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

No contraventions observed.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of rivers and streams in the district.